

generations have grown up with him, four have been profoundly influenced. His has been a voice of civility, reason, thoughtful exchange, and good humor, exactly why most of us are not just devoted fans of public broadcasting, but heavily dependent upon it.

Thank you, Bob Edwards, for almost a quarter century of enriching our lives. The last show was poignant and insightful, everything we have come to expect from you. With profound sadness and regret at your departure, we have great expectations about what you will do next.

Best wishes, Bob Edwards.

PRESIDENT EXPLAINING AWAY TERRIBLE ECONOMIC RECORD IN OHIO

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, President Bush came to Ohio today on about his 20th trip to campaign for reelection in our State, and the reason he comes back so often in Ohio is to try to explain away his terrible economic record.

Since George Bush became President, Ohio has lost one-sixth of its manufacturing jobs; 177,000 manufacturing jobs alone have left the State. Every single month of the Bush administration, we have lost manufacturing jobs.

The President's answer? More tax cuts for the most privileged people. If you make \$1 million, you get a \$123,000 tax cut, hoping that will trickle down and create jobs. It is not working. His other solution is more NAFTA-like trade agreements that hemorrhage jobs, that send jobs overseas.

We need to change the direction of this economy, to change the direction of this country. Workers should get their unemployment compensation extended. We should be giving breaks to those companies that manufacture in the United States, not ship jobs overseas.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

MAKING THE BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS PERMANENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. MCCARTHY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday is Mother's Day; and while many of our colleagues will be spending time with their families and their wives, thousands of women will be coming down here to Wash-

ington again to have their voices heard. We are going to have an Assault on Washington to make sure the assault weapons ban stays in place. We only have until September 13 to make sure a vote comes up on this floor.

As you can see by the poster, when our children go back to school, when your kids go back to school, will assault weapons be going back too?

Mr. Speaker, on Sunday of last week, I went to a memorial service for our police officers that have died in the line of duty, and they were put on the Wall. Many of those police officers came up to me and they said, What is going on in Washington? Why in heaven's name would anyone down there want to have assault weapons back on the streets?

Well, the million moms, the grandmothers, their husbands, grandfathers will be here on Sunday. Our voices will be heard once again. But this is only going to be the kickoff; because from Sunday on, throughout the United States we are going to be touring the country and raising our voices and awareness. The American people have to realize, come September 13, assault weapons, Uzis, AK-47s, Bushmasters will be back on the street.

Do we want to go back there? Do we want to go back to the time when these guns were gunning down children in our communities, gunning down our police officers? Does anybody remember why we banned the assault weapons in the first place? Because too many people were dying.

The American people do not want assault weapons back on their streets. They can do something about that. Call the Speaker of the House. Call the President, who has promised to sign the bill if it gets on his desk. That is an empty promise. If we cannot have a vote here in the House to make sure the assault weapons ban is renewed and made permanent, they will be back on our streets. Even gun owners across this Nation agree that assault weapons should not be on the streets.

Mr. Speaker, we have to do an awful lot of work between here and the end of this session, but I am saying to my colleagues that we must all come together to make sure the assault weapons ban stays in place. We have to do this. It is common sense. It is not taking away the right of anyone to own a gun.

I know there are people out there that feel they should have an assault weapon. Well, unfortunately, when we see gangs in our communities growing every day, when we see drug lords coming into our communities every day, when they talk about having terrorists in our communities waiting who can go to a gun show or go into your local gun store now and buy assault weapons, is that what we wanted?

When I first got involved in this issue, it was for personal reasons. Many of the people that will be here on Sunday are victims. Many have lost their children, many have lost their husbands, many have lost their wives.

This is something the American people can do, but we must hear from you.

Again, the American people on a grassroots level can make a difference. There are so many nurses out there, teachers out there, doctors out there that are behind us on making sure it gets through. But you cannot just say you want this. You have to call.

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You have to call your Representative. You have to call your Senators. You have to make sure that they hear from you.

With this election season coming up, this should be an issue. We can save lives. We can save an awful lot of lives. Why should we go forward and let these assault weapons back on our streets, and then, all of a sudden, a tragedy happens in our school yard or on a train, or anywhere in this country? And again, the panic that comes here. We have to do something; we have to do something.

This is a bill that has worked. This is a bill that does work. I happen to think we should make it stronger by making it permanent. I happen to think the gun manufacturers should be held accountable for making copycats. But the main issue should be assault weapons of any kind should not come back onto our streets. This is something that we can do. I need your help. I need the American people's help. Come out on Sunday. Come out and support the assault on assault weapons bans. Protect our children.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH AND H. RES. 575

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, this evening we honored the Connecticut men's and women's basketball teams for winning national championships, a truly remarkable accomplishment to have two teams from one school do this. Not long ago, the National Academy of Science released a report on preventing underage drinking. This seems like disparate events, but they are actually connected.

The National Academy of Science report recommended that colleges and universities ban alcohol advertising and promotion on campus in order to discourage alcohol use among underage students.

Research points out the problem of alcohol consumption on college campuses. First of all, 1,400 college students are killed annually in alcohol-related accidents, and we have all anguished over the fatalities in Iraq, over 700. Well, more than double that number will be killed on college campuses this year because of alcohol abuse.

The proportion of college students who say they drink to get drunk is rising. In 1993, roughly 40 percent of college students reported binge drinking.